

Performance Measures Coordinating Committee Meeting
October 31, 2014

Plan for the Ongoing Evaluation and Evolution of the Statewide Core Measures Set

The following information is presented for the Performance Measures Coordinating Committee's consideration to develop an ongoing process to periodically evaluate and modify the statewide core measure set. This will initially be considered at the October 31 Committee meeting and subsequently built upon for comprehensive discussion at the December 17 Committee meeting.

Background:

In 2014, the Washington State Legislature passed E2SHB 2572. The legislation directs a Governor-appointed Performance Measures Coordinating Committee (the Committee) to recommend standard statewide measures of health performance that will inform public and private health care purchasers, and will enable identification of benchmarks against which to track costs and improve health care outcomes. E2SHB 2572 further indicates that "the committee shall establish a public process to periodically evaluation the measure set and make additions or changes to the measure set as needed."

Therefore, this information is provided as a starting point for the committee's consideration for the development of the plan for the ongoing evaluation and evolution of the statewide core measures set.

Points to consider:

- There are a number of important topics that we believe we are currently unable to measure either because there are currently no well-vetted measures available or because data is unavailable to produce robust and credible results for public reporting. These topics have been placed on a list of High Priority Development Opportunities for future consideration and work.
- We need to develop a plan for including measures for one or more of these topics that rely on clinical data sources or that do not have identified measure specifications, as these become available.
- Significant measurement work is expected to occur in 2015 in critical measurement areas to which the Statewide Core Measures Set should align, including the adult behavioral health measures outlined in 1519/5732, the specific measures for the Plan for Improving Population Health, and enhanced clinical data ability through information exchange activities in Medicaid.
- Measurement on a statewide basis does not happen quickly. It takes time and resources to test and implement new measures, engage key stakeholders and publicly report results.

- Consider a phased approach for integration of the High Priority Development measures into the core set that establishes annual periodic process for evaluation, review and recommendations for modification of statewide core measures.

Discussion Questions:

- What criteria should be considered for prioritizing additional topics and/or measures from High Priority Development Agenda?
- What would be the process for selecting topics and/or measures from High Priority Development Agenda?
- Recognizing that the PMCC is planned to disband December 31, 2014, what process should be in place to continue to help with the approach and decisions?
- Is there anything else that we should be considering to help move this process forward?